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SNOW LINE

EVERYONE
HAS AT LEAST ONE SECRET
WHIIIRRRRR
THAT'S WHAT I THINK AT LEAST
TAICHI!
WAKE UP, TAICHI! YOU'RE AS HOPELESS AS ALWAYS!
YOU'LL BE LATE FOR SCHOOL!
...OKAAAY

LIKE
THIS DEADLY HEAT IN THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER
NO ENERGY
MORNING, TAICHI.
YOU LOOK AS GLOOMY AS EVER TODAY.
OR THAT IT SEEMS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO FEELS IT...
SHUT UP, SHINOBU!
OH MY, WATCH THAT MOUTH OF YOURS
IT'S OKAY, MA'AM.
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD MAKING SHINOBU WAIT EVERY MORNING? CHILDHOOD FRIENDS OR NOT, YOU SHOULDN'T TAKE HIM FOR GRANTED!
AREN'T A BIG DEAL AT ALL.
I'M HERE MORE FOR YOUR DELICIOUS COOKING... TO BE HONEST

YOU'RE LOOKING AFTER TAICHI AS ALWAYS!
Morning, Shinobu!
THE PROBLEM IS...
Morning!
BLINK
THE PROBLEM IS...!
beep
beeeep
Partly cloudy
DAMN IT! MAKING ME DO SPORTS UNDER THE BURNING SUN!
YOU'RE A DEMON, COACH!
démon
I'M OUT...
OH, HEY
YOU ALL RIGHT?
!
OH, UH, YEAH, I'LL BE THANKS

I DON'T REMEMBER A SINGLE THING ABOUT THIS CHILDHOOD FRIEND!
SORRY SHINOBU
THE FACT THAT...
Yeah
TAICHI?
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TELL HIM
I—I'M JUST FINE
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH
YOU TWO, THE PATIENCE DON'T CREATE A PAIR*! WEIRD ATMO SPHERE!
It's bad for reaching
beep beep beeeep
I CAN'T TELL HIM

*NOTE THE KANJI FOR SHINOBU AND THE FIRST KANJI FOR TAICHI TOGETHER MAKE UP THE WORD "PATIENCE" IN JAPANESE

SLAM
GO!
"TAICHI!"
LAST WINTER, I HAD AN ACCIDENT ON A SNOWY MOUNTAIN
"WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU THE ENTIRE NIGHT."
"THANK GOD!"
BACK THEN...
THERE!
"SHINOBU FOUND YOU."
THWACK
HE SAVED MY LIFE
"SHINOBU? WHO'S THAT?"
"HEY, ARE YOU OKAY? HE'S YOUR BEST FRIEND."
TAKE THIS!
SMASH
thunk
I'M... DONE FOR...
THAT I'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM?
MY BEST FRIEND SINCE WE WERE KIDS HOW IN THE WORLD CAN I SAY
MY...

I KEPT IT SECRET 'CAUSE I THOUGHT I'D REMEMBER SOON. BUT THAT'S JUST MADE IT WORSE.
SPLISH SPLASH
YOU'RE OVER-PROTECTIVE, SHINOBU
HUFF
I WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR
NO WAY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO FLAT-OUT LIE ABOUT IT!
GAME SET!
FLOP
OH, THE PAIN !
TOTAL VICTORY
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME?
BUT STILL.
TAICHI,
HOW'RE YOU FEELING?
IT'S NOT LIKE I HATE YOU

I'LL FIGURE IT OUT SOMEDAY
Although it's been a year already
I'M TOTALLY OUT OF PRACTICE!
OH WELL,
ORDER COMING UP!
HEY DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S WITH THE FUSS DOWN THERE?
OH I HEARD THERE'S A MAGAZINE SHOOT TODAY
NO WAY!
CRASH
ICED CAFE LATE CARAMEL LATE
ONE EACH!
AHH!

MISATO-SAN BE CAREFUL NOT TO CUT YOURSELF
OH!
HEY
Like I said
SORRY ABOUT THIS!
S-
OH NO, MISATO-SAN, ARE YOU OKAY?
!
UH-OH
THERE!
HM? DID YOU HURT YOUR ARM TOO?
WHAT? OH I GUESS I DID IT AGAIN
I ALWAYS HIT THINGS WITHOUT EVEN NOTICING
YOU'RE SO CLUMSY YOU HAD A BRUISE ON YOUR KNEE JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, TOO
DID I?
REALLY, PLEASE BE CAREFUL MISATO-SAN. YOU DON'T WANT TO RUIN YOUR PRETTY HAND
THANKS TAICHI
YOU'RE SO KIND

STUMPED
WELL
SURE. SINCE I'VE GOT AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE...
UGH
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND THE RUMOR IS SHE HAS A CUTE BOYFRIEND, TOO.
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF GOING AFTER HIS BOY. ♡
ha ha ha
YOU KNOW IT'S USELESS. IT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE IT, BUT SHE ONLY LIKES CUTE BOYS
CLACK
IF ONLY I WAS MORE LIKE SHINOBU...
DAMN
WE EAT THE SAME MEALS. SO WHAT'S WITH THE HUGE DIFFERENCE?
BUT THEN, IS HE MORE HANDSOME OR ACTUALLY MORE PRETTY...?
MAN
IF ONLY I WAS A LITTLE TALLER AND MORE MANLY
RIGHT
I would've confessed that I like her
AHAHA, YOU'RE EMBARRASSED HOW CUTE! ♡
HEHE
I KNOW THAT ALREADY!
HEHE
HEHE
COME ON, YOU'RE SO EASY TO READ!

THAT'S BECAUSE...
I'M A PRINCE

SHINOBU! YOU CAN'T GO INTO A CAFE WITH THAT COSTUME ON!
Geez, he scared me...
OH, I KNOW! YOU'RE THAT MODEL, SHINOBU!!
OH I'M SORRY
SH— SHINOBU?!
Why are you here?!
GAH!
NO WAY!! A PRINCE!

SHINOBU ?
THE FASHION MODEL FOR MEN'S BOX...?
HE'S SO COOL...♡
TAICHI, YOU'LL BE OFF SOON, RIGHT?
COME DOWN LATER.
LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER.
EH? WHAT? ARE YOU TWO GOOD FRIENDS OR SOMETHING?
I WANT TO BE ALONE!!

NOT THAT I KNOW OF!
NO,
SO...
JUST GO HOME YOURSELF.
BYE!
WHAT IS IT?
OH!
I'M...
BEING CHILDISH...
THERE'S HOTTIE NUMBER TWO!
TAICHI?
...HE'S SO EASY TO READ...
stomp
stomp
stomp

YOU SEE THE GUY TALKING TO THE CHIEF?
ISN'T HE MIYATA THE GUY WHO USED TO WORK HERE?
YOU'RE RIGHT.
YEAH
BUT DIDN'T HE GET FIRED FOR GETTING IN A FIGHT WITH A CUSTOMER?
HEY,
I WONDER WHY HE'S HERE
OH.. HE'S LOOKING AT US
WELL HE'S AS GORGEOUS AS EVER
JUST his face, though.
OKAY! EYES THIS WAY!
GOOD! KEEP ACTING HIP!

GREAT! THAT'S AWESOME!
FL
ASH
I MIGHT WANNA MAKE A PASS AT HIM.
NO
LET'S ASK HIM FOR TEA LATER. Is he underage?
COUNT ME IN!♡
FLASH
FLASH
YOU THINK?
HEY, THAT BOY JUST NOW. IS HE YOUR FRIEND?
YEAH
HE WAS KIND OF CUTE
I WON'T LET YOU

HE'S MINE, YOU SEE
EH?
BUT STILL IT'S TRUE THAT I DON'T REMEMBER BEING FRIENDS WITH HIM
OR THAT I'M TOTALLY IMMATURE!
DOES SHE THINK I'M WEIRD?
SLAP
stomp stomp stomp
UGH, MIGATO-SAN

clatter
!
LIKE I SAID, THIS IS WHAT I DON'T LIKE ABOUT YOU!
WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU MEAN?!
I'LL NEVER—
BREAK UP WITH YOU!!
II
I
MISATO-SAN, ?!
AND
NO!
STOP!
HUH? THAT VOICE.
NO! DON'T KILL ME!
SNAP
...WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
ENOUGH ALREADY!
STOP THAT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

SO THE BRUISES ON MISATO-SAN'S BODY—
YOU CAN'T JUST HIT A GIRL LIKE THAT, YOU ASSHOLE!
SNAP
HOW COULD YOU—!
THEY WERE ALL BECAUSE OF HIM!
Damn!
THAT YOU TOUYAMA?
JUST SHUT UP AND MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS—
—TAICHI
PUSH
—WHAT'S IT TO YOU?
AH!
stagger
OH, I SEE NOW
EH?
IT'S HIM, ISN'T IT, MISATO? YOU'RE CHEATING ON ME
THAT'S WHY YOU—
HUH?
WHAT?! N—NO, I'M NOT—TAICHI ISN'T—
HAH
SO YOU CALL HIM BY HIS FIRST NAME, HUH?! FLIRTING WITH A BRAT LIKE HIM, DON'T MESS WITH ME!
I'M GONNA KILL YOU BOTH!
Got that?!

STOP IT!
YOU'RE WRONG! WE'RE NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!
FREEZE

SLAM
SHINOBU?
?
OH.
CRAP

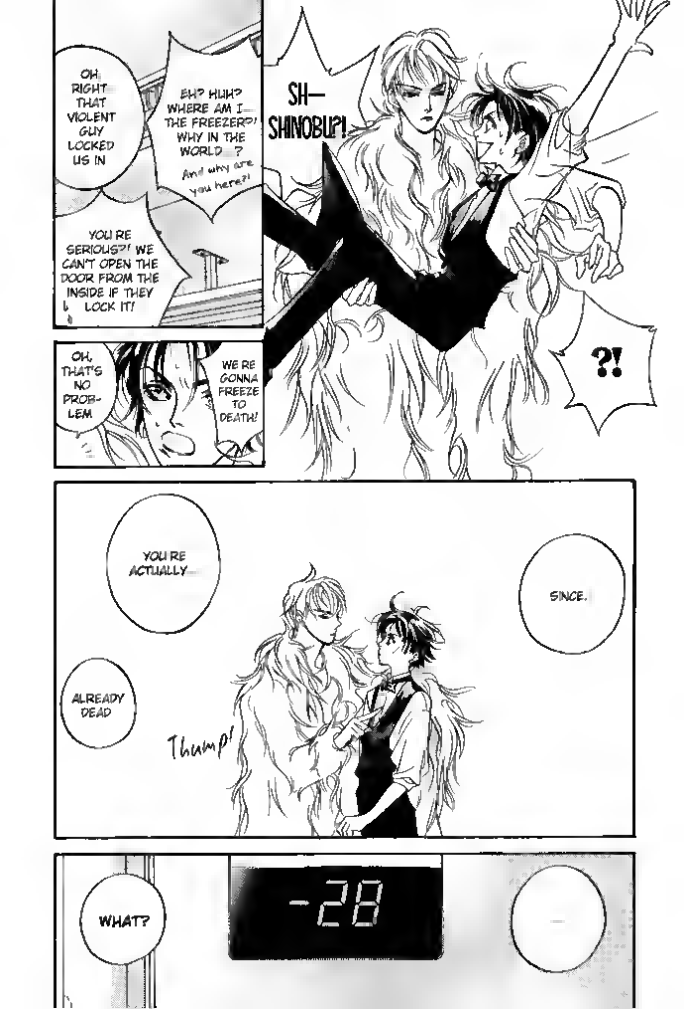
I CAN'T MOVE AM I GOING TO DIE HERE?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WAIT WHAT ABOUT THE GAME I RESERVED! COMING OUT NEXT MONTH! THIS SUCKS
THAT'S RIGHT I ESCAPED DEATH BY A MIRACLE JUST LAST YEAR
H...HE'S NOT BREATHING...!
I CAN'T DIE WITHOUT CONFESSING MY LOVE TO MISATO-SAN
DASH
OH NO, STOP—! PLEASE DON'T BE ROUGH ON YOUR COSTUME!

H...HE'S DEAD...!!
OH GOD, WHAT NOW...!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO...!
TAICHI, TAICHI!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING...?!
WE HAVE TO CALL AN AMBULANCE...NO! THE POLICE!
SHIT! IT'S HIS FAULT FOR GETTING IN MY WAY...!
A... ANYWAY, I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING WITH HIM!
drag
BUT STILL!
SHUT UP! JUST BE QUIET AND HELP ME HIDE HIS BODY!
YOU IDIOT! THEY'RE GONNA ARREST ME IF WE CALL THEM! MY WHOLE LIFE WILL BE RUINED!

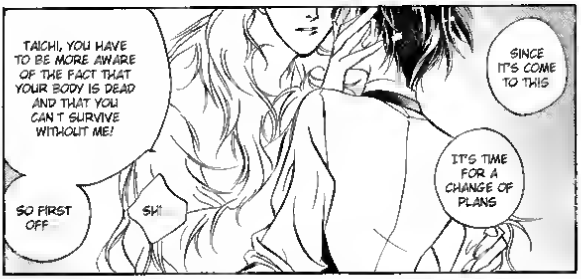
!
ARE YOU PLANNING TO PUT HIM IN THERE?
W...What's with him...?
...!
!?

EXACTLY!
Too panicked to think logically
HUH?!
U...UH, YEAH!
HIS BODY
I'M ASKING, ARE YOU GOING TO PUT IT INTO THE FREEZER?
SHOCK
WHAT, YOU WANNA GO IN TOO?!
SL
AM
THE PRINCE...
WHAT...
WHAT JUST HAPPENED...?

EH?
WAKE UP...
WAKE UP...
OPEN YOUR EYES...
TAICHI!
WHAT...?
YOU'RE TIRED OF WHAT...?
I'M GETTING TIRED, NOW WAKE UP!
BLINK
OF CARRYING YOU!
ARE YOU AWAKE MY PRINCESS?


OH, RIGHT THAT VIOLENT GUY LOCKED US IN
EH? HUH? WHERE AM I— THE FREEZER?! WHY IN THE WORLD...?
And why are you here?!
YOU'RE SERIOUS?! WE CAN'T OPEN THE DOOR FROM THE INSIDE IF THEY LOCK IT!
SH— SHINOBU?!
?!
OH, THAT'S NO PROB-LEM
WE'RE GONNA FREEZE TO DEATH!
YOU'RE ACTUALLY
SINCE.
ALREADY DEAD
Thump!
WHAT?
-28

I REVIVED YOU ON A WHIM BACK THEN BUT I GUESS IT'S NOT AS EASY AS I THOUGHT...
THE MAINTENANCE IS REALLY SOMETHING.
Did you go crazy in the cold?
SHINOBU...?
SHINOBU?
YOU COULDN'T HEAR ME? I SAID YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD SINCE LAST YEAR...!
REALLY...


TAICHI, YOU HAVE TO BE MORE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT YOUR BODY IS DEAD AND THAT YOU CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT ME!
SO FIRST OFF...
SH!
IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE OF PLANS
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS

WHO AM I?
REMEMBER, TAICHI

HUH?
crunch
WHO ARE YOU?
THIS IS...
WAIT,
"MY N, ME'S SPELLED WITH THE KANJI FROM PATIENCE."
IS FROM LAST YEAR...?
"AND YOU?"
THIS MEMORY...
"I'M TAICHI..."
"TAICHI YOU?"

"SHINOBU"
"THEN WE'RE GONNA BE THE PATIENCE PAIR"
HA-HA-
HAHA HA
WOW
"SILLY——"
I remember now!
YOU'RE THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN FROM BACK THEN!
——CAN'T YOU AT LEAST CALL ME A MAN OF ICE, OR SILVER-WHITE PRINCE OR SOMETHING MORE FANCY?
You have no taste
YOU WANT ME TO CALL YOU THAT?

IT'S UNFORTUNATE, BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SO PESSIMISTIC
YOU SEEM TO FEEL BETTER NOW, SO LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
ANYWAY,
HE MUST BE JOKING
WE CAME HERE BECAUSE THIS PLACE IS GOOD FOR YOUR WEAKENED BODY
WARMTH IS BAD FOR A CORPSE.
...SO I'M A ZOMBIE? You say
SO IN OTHER WORDS
AS LONG AS YOU'RE COOLED
IT CAN BE PRETTY USEFUL, RIGHT?
I
RIGHT
HE MUST BE JOKING HE REALLY MUST BE JOKING!!
I'M HUMAN!!
SLAM
IS THAT YOUR FINAL ANSWER?
You're just mean
I OVERDID IT

I'VE TURNED INTO...
A SUPER ZOMBIE...
THAT USES UP A TON OF ELECTRICITY ON AIR CONDITIONING AND FANS WHICH IS PRETTY HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT IS THAT IT?
LIKE THAT.

THAT'S ...
THAT'S
SLAM
×Miyata
×Taichi
JUMP

NO! DON'T COME NEAR ME!
AHH—!
AHH—!
THAT'S NOT FAIR——!!
DON'T COME NEAR ME!
NO, A GHOST—!
YOU'RE ANNOYING.

SL
UMP
SHINOBU, STOP IT!
WH—WHAT DID YOU DO TO MISATO-SAN?!
I JUST ERASED HER MEMORY OF TONIGHT
AND I'LL GO AHEAD AND ERASE HER RELATIONSHIP WITH THAT GUY, TOO. IT'S MORE CONVENIENT THAT WAY.
SO THIS IS HOW HE CHANGES THEM...
THE MEMORIES OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME.
CHEER UP, TAICHI
YEAH...
I GUESS THAT'S BETTER
NO! A GHOST!
...
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

...WHY?
WHY DID YOU...
BRING ME BACK TO LIFE?!
WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, TAICHI?
I'M REALLY CHILDISH
I COULD TAKE MY LEAVE RIGHT HERE... GRACEFULLY SAYING I DON'T WANT SUCH A LIFE.
BUT I...
...I DON'T WANNA DIE.
I.
BECAUSE OF YOU, I...!!
RUSH
OH MAN, WHAT-EVER... I REALLY DON'T CARE ANYMORE.
BECAUSE YOUR SMILE BEFORE YOU DIED WAS LOVELY
DROP
WHAT DO YOU WANT?

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME!

IT'S MY PLEASURE.
OH.
SHINO...
HE SMILED
HUH?
EH?
GEE
THERE'S NO HELPING IT
I GUESS I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOU UNTIL THE END.
I KNEW IT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME

I CAN'T SAY IT...
Okay, we're done. Nice work, everyone!
WHOA
Why am I here?
Huh? Where am I?
Who's that?
I'll just go home.
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL EVER TELL HIM...
IT'S SUCH AN ASSURD STORY THAT I JUST CAN'T TELL ANYBODY
THAT MY HEART JUST LEAP'T!
Oh, but his cold hand feels so good
SO I'LL KEEP IT TO MYSELF.
WAKE UP, TAICHI!!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP SLEEPING?
TAIYO

SHIVER
WHAT'S WITH THIS ROOM? IT'S FREEZING!
EVERY HUMAN HAS
AT LEAST ONE SECRET
huff
REALLY!
WELL
THEY'RE AS HOPELESS AS EVER!
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT HUMAN.

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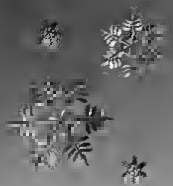


SNOW LINE

THE RESTLESS SUMMER
AND UNBELIEVABLE FALL.
HAVE BOTH PASSED
MMM!
AWESOME! IT'S FINALLY WINTER BREAK!
Feels great!
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE
MORNING TAICHI

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WHY"? HOW COLD
WHOA!!
WHY ARE YOU HERE, SHINOBU!
SIGH
IT'S OKAY, MA'AM
DON'T BE LIKE THAT, TAICHI.
YOU KNOW YOU'VE USED HIM AS A PILLOW THE ENTIRE SUMMER
UGH
CHILDHOOD FRIEND OR NOT, IT ISN'T RIGHT TO BE RUDE LIKE THAT
I'M JUST LIKE A PICKLED PLUM FOR HIM ANYWAY.
Pickled plum?

WHY
OH
BITE
TO KEEP YOU FROM GOING BAD
Here
MAD
glare
Is it good?
MUnCh MUnCh
I'VE BEEN RESTLESS ALL THROUGH SUMMER
LET ME EXPLAIN!

LAST WINTER
I CARELESSLY GOT STUCK ON A SNOWY MOUNTAIN
HE WAS THE ONE WHO REVIVED ME THERE WITH A STUPID REASON LIKE "BECAUSE THE SMILE BEFORE YOU DIED WAS LOVELY"

FLIP
GOOD CONTROL!
RUFF
X PLUM SEED!
YOU'RE PRETTY CARELESS, YOU KNOW
W WHAT ?!
ANYWAY, I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS TRICK TO OTHER PEOPLE
BY THIS...
IF IT WASN'T ME HE'D HAVE A HOLE IN HIM...
crumble
crumble
SNOWMAN
...AND HAVE DIED

A SUPER ZOMBIE THAT CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT SHINOBU AND AIR CONDITIONING
WHICH ISN'T EASY ON THE ENVIRONMENT
I KNOW THAT!
ugh
SINCE THEN, I'VE BECOME
I...
REALLY...
HANAZONO BANK
OF COURSE I'LL GO!!
SHANTY MARCH EDITION, "SWEET AND DANGEROUS OUTLAWS" A SPECIAL ISSUE.
PHOTO SHOOT? FOR WHAT?
THEN I GUESS YOU WON'T BE COMING TO THE PHOTO SHOOT TODAY
-.-'
LIKE YOU'RE SO PERFECT!
YOU'RE THE ONE BEING CARELESS, YOU KNOW?
My mom's keeping quiet about it, though
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS DON'T SLEEP OVER EVERY SINGLE DAY LIKE THIS. YOUR FAKE SCENARIO ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH.
...YOU'RE RIGHT.

flash
RIGHT, SHINOBU. EYES THIS WAY
flash
THAT'S GREAT!
WHO WOULD BELIEVE IT?
THAT THE NOW POPULAR FASHION MODEL SHINOBU...
IS ACTUALLY A...SNOWMAN
OH HI, TAICHI! YOU CAME TO SEE SHINOBU AGAIN?
NO WAY! I'M HERE TO SEE YOU PRETTY L...DIES, OF COURSE!!
Wow!
THE PATIENCE FAIR IS ALWAYS TOGETHER
SNOWMAN

BUT I DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD SHOOT HERE.
I REALLY DON'T GET THEIR TASTE IN LOCALES
LOOK THERE'S SHINOBU
AND TETSUYA, TOO
OKAY THEN, SHINOBU
TRY KISSING MINA THERE
WOW, SHINOBU
HE HAS A GREAT JOB...
NEXT DO TETSUYA
JUST LIGHTLY, BUT ON THE LIPS THIS TIME!
Oh, nice~!
Yeah—!!
HE HAS A HORRIBLE JOB.
HE
Ha!

THAT'S WHY I JUST FEEL IRRITATED WHENEVER I SEE HIM.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING
BUT...
WELL...
I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM.
COME TO THINK OF IT...
THIS ISN'T THE WAY A GUY SHOULD LIVE IS IT?
"ARE WE GOING TO BE THE PATIENCE PAIR FOREVER?"
LATELY
I CAN'T STOP THINKING
HIS
chatter
chatter
Okay, let's take a break!

BDMP
HUH?!
W-WHAT?
BDMP
THE HEATER IS TOO HOT HERE SO...
I...I'M FINE!
BDMP
BUT YOUR FACE IS RED
Whoa!
TAICHI
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
PRETTY FACE AND
SNAP!
I SAID I'M FINE!
Uh-oh
Oh!
YOU THINK I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOU, DON'T YOU!?
I'M NOT A KID!
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHOOSH
HOW...
EMBAR-RASSING..
DOES HE MEAN HIS HEAD?
..I'LL GO COOL MY BODY DOWN OUTSIDE!
TAP TAP
UH...
BLUSH
...I...
I'M REALLY HORRIBLE
Ah, this feels nice.
I KEEP TAKING IT OUT ON SHINOBU
YEAH. HE DID SAVE MY LIFE AND ALL
I SHOULD BE MORE THANKFUL AND...
tap tap
...AND JUST STOP BUGGING ME, SHINOBU!!
BUMP
crush

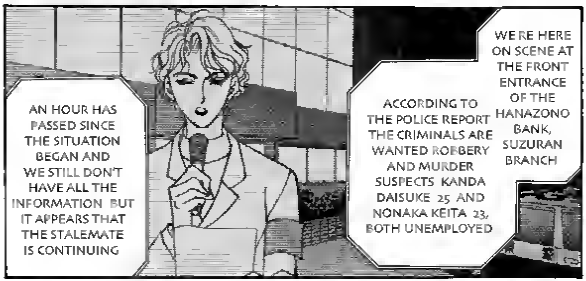
OH...
OOPS!
crumble
crumble
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE?
HUH?
UH WELL THERE'S A PHOTO SHOOT AT THIS BANK AND...
smile
OH SO YOU'RE A FASHION MODEL?
NO WONDER YOU'RE SO CUTE
M. ME?!
NO WAY, I'M NOT
REALLY? ANYWAY, AREN'T YOU COLD IN THAT SHIRT?
IT'S HOT!
NO, UH... I GET HOT EASILY, SO...
OH, YOU'RE JOKING
Who is this guy?
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DETECTIVE TAKAYANAGI?!

I'VE NEVER MET AN ACTUAL POLICE DETECTIVE BEFORE!!
ugh
SPARKLE
WOW. THAT'S AWESOME!
QUESTIONING HIM!
DETECT ...?
Damn
Ah!
HM?
WELL, YEAH
SO YOU'RE A POLICE DETECTIVE? SIR?
IT'S USELESS. HERE COMES HIS BAD HABIT AGAIN.
Yes, sir
OH. YOU THERE. LEAVE THIS TO ME AND JUST GO WATCH THE OUTSIDE.
Really? Well anyways, let's go inside
WOW. THIS IS AWE-SOME!
I! I LOVE WATCHING DETECTIVES ON TV DRAMAS AND STUFF!
SWI
SH
AND THE BANK GETS ROBBED OR SOMETHING
IT'S PRETTY COMMON, RIGHT? LIKE SOME INFORMANT TELLS YOU THE SUSPECTS WOULD BE NEARBY, AND
OH?
THIS IS COOL—! ARE YOU ON A STAKEOUT OR SOMETHING?

PUT YOUR HANDS UP!
DON'T MOVE!
JUST KIDDING heheh
THUMP
YANK
OH, C'MON!
IT'S JUST A JOKE, A JO
HUH?

LIKE HE SAID, DON'T MOVE!

HU—
H?


WE'RE HERE ON SCENE AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF THE HANAZONO BANK, SUZURAN BRANCH
ACCORDING TO THE POLICE REPORT THE CRIMINALS ARE WANTED ROBBERY AND MURDER SUSPECTS KANDA DAISUKE 25 AND NONAKA KEITA 23, BOTH UNEMPLOYED
AN HOUR HAS PASSED SINCE THE SITUATION BEGAN AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION BUT IT APPEARS THAT THE STALEMATE IS CONTINUING

OH, NEWS JUST IN!
AH, IT SEEMS A HOSTAGE WAS RELEASED
OH? ALL THE HOSTAGES IT SEEMS?
What an odd group.
THE WITNESSES REPORT THAT THERE ARE CURRENTLY FOUR HOSTAGES THREE MALES AND THE FEMALE CLERK!
IS...
gulp
IS THIS FOR REAL?!
WH—
WHAT NOW?
THIS IS THE REAL DEAL
UGH
AH.
IT'S HOT,
wobble
AND I'M COMPLETELY DRAINED

SHUT UP!
HEY, YOU THERE!
HMP
BUT IT'S HOT!
FORGET IT, DON'T MOVE!
ER, EXCUSE ME~
IT'S REALLY HOT. CAN I TAKE THE COAT OFF?
Ahaha
BOLD
I CAN'T STAND...
YOU TWO, I TOLD YOU TO GET OUT OF HERE!
ARE YOU LISTENING?!
HE'S THE SAME
Ah!
YOU COULD TAKE OUT GUYS LIKE THESE WITH ONE HIT—
SHINOBU~~~ WHAT'RE YOU LAZING AROUND FOR?
TCH.

O-OKAY!
HERE HURRY AND FILL THIS WITH CASH!
HEY, DON'T MOVE!
What'm I thinking?
NOPE, NOPE, I CAN'T DO THAT!
AHH, I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!
I CAN'T JUST RELY ON SHINOSU!
WHAT ABOUT A CAR—!
HGGHH
REALLY
I'M SO HELPLESS.
sniff
whisper
HEY
IS THAT KID OKAY?
HE SEEMS REALLY WEAK...

I'M NOT TELLING
stand
HEY, DO YOU KNOW HIS NAME?
THAT KID WAS SO CUTE I JUST FORGOT THE JOB...
DAMMIT, THAT WAS SO CARE-LESS!
I GOT A TIP-OFF AND JUST WALKED RIGHT INTO IT
CLACK CLACK
WHAT?
grr
HEY, YOU THERE, DON'T WALK AROUND!
SHINO
clack
YOU HEAR ME?!
I'LL SHOOT!
SO SHOOT
BUT...
IF YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT, SHOOT ME.
SNAP!

BANG
YOU ASKED FOR IT!
AHHH!
SHINOBU!

SHINO ..
.. BU?
ARE YOU OKAY, TAICHI?

That's my line
No, that's.
EH?

WHAT DID YOU THINK...
REALLY...
THIS LITTLE THING WOULD DO TO ME?
HUH?
M—
MON-STER!

!?
AHH!
SMASH
MM
!?

HE JUST SHOT YOU...
IT KIND OF...
W—
WAIT...
...SHI...
WHOA!
SHINO... SHINOBU?!
QUIET, OPEN YOUR MOUTH
FEELS COLD
1
ICE?!
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
SHOW ME THAT CONTROL YOU DEMONSTRATED THIS MORNING...
!
...!!

YEAH.
CRUNCH
HEY, YOU GUYS!
WHAT THE HELL'RE YOU DOING?!
THROW DOWN YOUR GUN!

IF YOU WANT SOMETHING TO SHOOT WITH, I'LL SHOW YOU A .
HAHA
IDIOT, WHAT'RE YOU PLAYING AT?
HUH?
PUFF
NG
SHOT!
EH?
PA

PERFECT FORM!
HUFF
FWSH
slice
Ah
EH?
PING
PING
Aaahh!

HEY, JUST WHO ARE YOU GUYS...
crunch
ICE?
HEY...

Ah!
Y—
EH?
WHOA!
YOU FINISHED THEM OFF WITH YOUR BARE HANDS! YOU REALLY ARE GREAT!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
YOU'RE AMAZING DETECTIVE!
HEY,
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
!?
YOU WEREN'T INFLUENCED BY MY SUGGESTION
HMM.
HOW VERY INTEREST-ING
INTERESTING-

TELL PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE TONIGHT,
DETECTIVE—
YOU SHOULDN'T—
WH—
NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE YOU, ANYWAY
AMAZING, DETECTIVE TAKAYANAGI!
WHA—
WHIRR
WHIRR
CHATTER
THE CRIMINALS HAVE JUST NOW BEEN ARRESTED!
IT SEEMS THE HOSTAGES HAVE ALL BEEN RELEASED UNHARMED AS WELL
THE CRIMINALS ARE IN CUSTODY!
CHATTER
JUST WHAT'S GOING ON—?!
Uggh
WHAT THE?!

NOT REALLY
FLOAT
WHAT'S WRONG, TAICHI?
ARE YOU FEELING SICK AGAIN?
AH!
WERE YOU REALLY THAT SCARED?
YOU'RE UNEXPECTEDLY TIMID.

YOU IDIOT, SHINOBU!
I WAS SCARED!
I THOUGHT YOU'D BEEN KILLED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME!

I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY, SHINOBU.
I'M SORRY FOR ALWAYS BEING SO MEAN TO YOU.
HERE I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT THERE'S NO WAY I COULD LIVE MY WHOLE LIFE AS YOUR LUGGAGE, BUT
I KNOW I'D HATE IT MORE IF YOU WERE TO LEAVE ME AGAIN...!
PAT
PAT
IS YOUR BODY FULL OF HOLES?
NO
REALLY?
TRULY.

GOOD TO HEAR.
HEY SHINOBU...
WHY...
DID YOU PICK THE SLOW WAY?
The kiss and all...
YOU COULD HAVE DEALT WITH THOSE GUYS FASTER YOURSELF, RIGHT...?
OH, THAT?
YOUR SMILE REALLY IS SOMETHING, TAICHI.
THOUGH I'D RATHER DO WITHOUT THE WEAK BODY.

You jerk!
YOU'RE SUCH AN ASS!
I HAD TO KISS THOSE GUYS FOR WORK, SO —
I NEEDED TO GET RID OF THE TASTE.
AND WITH THAT...

THE RESTLESS NIGHT PASSED.

chirp

chirp

OH NO TAICHI, YOU CAN'T ACT SO SPOILED AROUND SHINOBU ALL THE TIME
EVEN IF YOU ARE COUSINS RAISED AS BROTHERS...
IT ISN'T RIGHT FOR YOU TO KEEP THAT UP
JUST AS ALWAYS
...!
It's working well
RIGHT. YESTERDAY YOU POINTED OUT THE PROGRAMMING ERROR.
SO I THOUGHT I'D TRY CHANGING THINGS A BIT.
ANOTHER ABSURD DAY HAS BEGUN
SHINOBU
What the hell is this?!
!!
snap
I'LL BE BACK!
huffh
RIGHT?
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I am one.
I am two.
I can only smell your number——Snow.

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SNOW LINE

BREAKFAST VARIES MISO SOUP, ROAST SALMON, FERMENTED SOYBEANS, OMELETS
HOW CAN I PUT THIS?
THE MORNING SMELLS GREAT REGARDLESS OF THE SEASON
TAICHI, SHINOBU, YOU NEED TO WAKE UP! You two are going to be late
MM..
GOOD MORNING EVERYONE
AND...
SMELLS GOOD...
MORNING TAICHI
IT ALWAYS SEEMS A LITTLE SWEET

NO ONE ELSE KNOWS
IT'S A SCENT ONLY I KNOW
MORNING, SHINOBU
THANKS FOR THE MEAL.
OH MY. YOU HARDLY ATE A THING, SHINOBU
I'M ACTUALLY ON A DIET RIGHT NOW.
I DIDN'T MEAN TO WORRY YOU, MA'AM.
HE'D BE JUST FINE ON A 365 DAY FAST, TOO
blush
Oh, my
WHAT A TROUBLE-SOME JOB.
THE WHOLE THING MIGHT SOUND LIKE A JOKE BUT..
THAT'S RIGHT

TAICHI, YOU CAN'T RELY ON SHINOBU ALL THE TIME. EVEN IF YOU ARE ... UM
WE'RE COUSINS MA'AM.
EXACTLY. EVEN IF YOU ARE COUSINS
FIRST WE WERE "BEST FRIENDS FROM WAY BACK WHEN" AND THEN WE WERE "CLOSE COUSINS WHO WERE RAISED LIKE BROTHERS"
THAT'S THE TRUTH OF IT!
WHAT'S WITH YOU?
FROM THE OLD MONSTER STORIES, I THOUGHT YOU GUYS HAD MORE SELF-CONTROL.
NO WAY. WE'RE GOING!
I'm meeting Hina!
clench
EH?!
THEN SHOULD I EXERCISE SELF-CONTROL AND TURN DOWN THE INVITATION TO NAKAMURA HINA'S PARTY TOMORROW?
THIS SNOWMAN HERE SPENDS HIS DAYS IN THE PUBLIC EYE AS THE ULTRA-POPULAR MODEL "SHINOBU".

I DIED IN AN ACCIDENT TWO YEARS AGO ON A SNOWY MOUNTAIN. THIS SNOWMAN HERE BROUGHT ME BACK AS A ZOMBIE JUST BECAUSE HE SAID THAT "THE SMILE BEFORE YOU DIED WAS BEAUTIFUL."
Thunk
UH...
Thunk
REALLY
WHICH OF US IS THE ONE WITH NO SELF-CONTROL?
I...
I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE! I'LL GET ALL WARM AND START ROTTING IF I DON'T, RIGHT?
OH YEAH...
!
squeeze
SO, LIKE THIS
THAT SO?
SHINOBU ACTS AS MY COOLER JAPAN IS REALLY HOT, SO I NEED HIM EVEN IN THE WINTER.
Let go, you idiot!
rub rub rub
pet pet
Wha?!
SSSST
THANKS
Oh, I see
I'm fine, just hot.
I'M JUMPING THE GUN A LITTLE HERE BUT CONGRATULATIONS
TODAY'S GUEST - IS THE POPULAR IDOL NAKAMURA HINA, WHO WILL BE TURNING 19 TOMORROW

THE MODEL WHO APPEARS IN THE AD WITH YOU IS SHINOBU, RIGHT?
HINA
TO START, WOULD YOU MIND TALKING ABOUT THE PERFUME "PINK SNOW"?
IT WAS ORIGINALLY LAUNCHED OVER THE RADIO
YES! I'VE BEEN A HUGE FAN OF HIM FOR A WHILE NOW.
THE "PINK SNOW" FRAGRANCE TRULY SUITS HIM, AS WELL. IT MAKES HIM SEEM LIKE A BEAUTIFUL PRINCE!
NO, HINA.
DON'T SAY THAT!
IT WAS REALLY GREAT!
I'M HERE FOR YOU! WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT?
TOMORROW IS NOT ONLY YOUR BIRTHDAY BUT ALSO A PARTY COMMEMORATING THE LAUNCH OF "PINK SNOW"! IT MUST BE FANTASTIC.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO CRUEL, HINA?
IT'S REALLY THE BEST PRESENT EVER.
YOU HAVE MY ENVY!
HINA

sulk
...
I THINK YOU WILL BE GOING ALONE...
I'M HEADED HOME
YOU GOT THIS FAR, YOU CAN'T PULL THAT NOW!
IT'S WORK, YOUR HIGHNESS!
You can't quit now!
THAT'S RIGHT, SHINOBU!
WE TOOK CARE OF ALL THE PREPARATIONS. BUT YOU HAVE TO CARRY THIS!
Her Guest
Manager

THIS ISN'T A GAME YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH WITH IT
hmph
C'MON,
CUT IT OUT!
YOU CAN'T BE SO SELFISH!
BUT RECENTLY IT'S BEEN LIKE THIS...
..?
THIS IS KINDA WEIRD.
HE'S ALWAYS BREEZING THROUGH WORK AND HAVING A BLAST.
MAYBE HE'S SICK OR SOME-THING...?
tap
tap tap
Now, Shinobu, get going!
HEY, SHINOBU, ARE YOU
THUNK
AH?!

WAIT!
WH-
OW!
!
JUMP
!!?
THUD
HUP!
clack
click

OH
IT'S YOU...! YOU GUYS
DETECTIVE TAKA-YANAGI!
UH
!?

HUH? WHAT'S WITH THE ICY ATMOSPHERE?
TAKAYANAGI, IF YOU WOULD!
HM?
ANYWAY, THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
SUPERMAN.
UNTIL NEXT TIME
KACHINK
SECURED AT 3:52!

WEEOO
CLACK
VROOM
WEEOO
I KNEW IT!
TAICHI, YOU KNOW...
GUYS ARE SO COOL WHEN THEY'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOB!
HM? WHAT?
NO-THING
I JUST THOUGHT IT TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT.

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING LATE...
AND YET
HINA, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 19TH BIRTHDAY
IT'S INCREDIBLE, SHINOBU SHINES MORE THAN ANY OF THEM.
Looks like he's having fun.
fwSH
Ahh, sorry!
WHOA!
IT'S THE REAL HINA!
AH!
IT'S THE ACTOR ODA GIRIJOU AND THE IDOL MATSUURA AYA!
OH GOD, EVEN MINO MONTA!

AH, WHAT A NICE SME...
YES.
IT'S REALLY SWEET.
OH,
IS THIS "PINK SNOW"?
AND A LITTLE SPICY.
!
SHINOBU! THANKS FOR COMING OUT FOR ME!
IT REALLY MAKES MY DAY!
WHAT?
SEE IT'S LIKE HINA SAID, RIGHT? IT FEELS LIKE I'M BEING HUGGED BY SHINOBU!
ISN'T IT?
IT'S REALLY SWEET. WHAT A NICE SCENT.
I WANTED TO TRY WEARING IT TODAY AS WELL.
sniff
THIS IS SHINOBU!
OH, I GET IT.

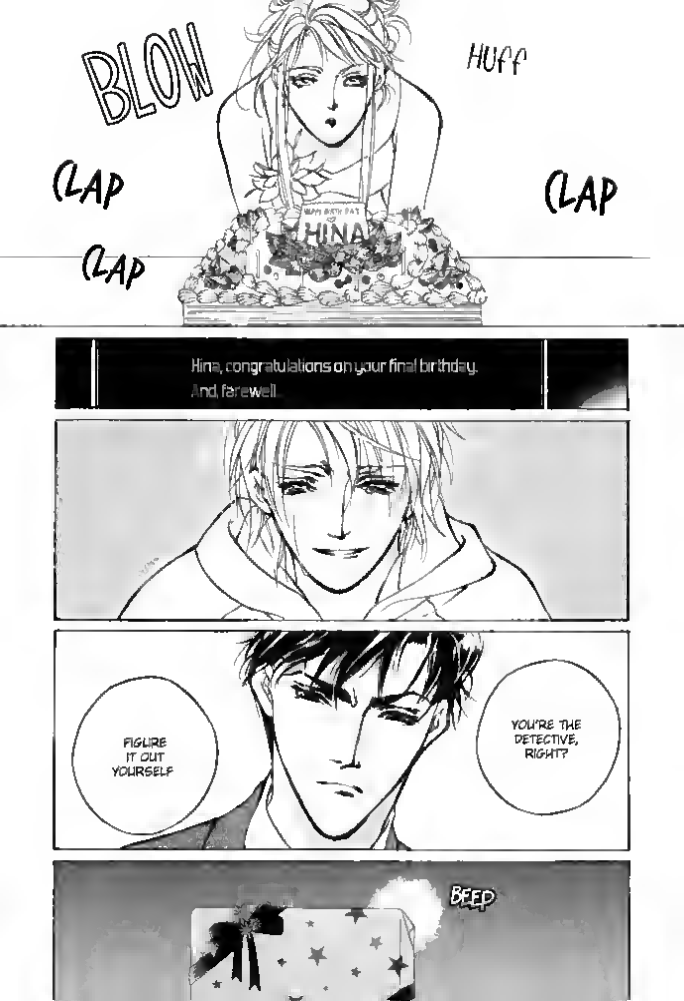
CHAPTER
SHINOBU, YOU'VE GOT A NICER SCENT
RIGHT?
AH, YES.
Whoa, what's that?!
THE CHAIRMAN OVER THERE IS CALLING US
SHALL WE GO?
...
WHO IS THAT BOY?

HE'S A COUSIN
OF MINE
IS THAT OKAY?
ANYWAY, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PARTY FOR YOU, HINA.
LET'S DO OUR BEST.
AH!
THEN...
I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD BE MY PERSONAL ESCORT FOR THE NIGHT.

IT'S HOT..
This room
Wobble
MORITA YUUICHI, A 21-YEAR OLD STUDENT SEARCHING HIS HOUSE TURNED UP THAT.
DOESN'T LOOK GOOD, DOES IT?
HE WAS CLEARLY ACTING SUSPICIOUS, SO WE'RE QUESTIONING HIM.
Carrying a concealed knife and all
THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING.

YOU SAY YOU'RE A HUGE FAN OF NAKAMURA HINA, YES?
mutter mutter
YOU EVEN STARTED UP A WEBSITE, RIGHT?
WE WENT AHEAD AND HAD A LOOK AT IT
clack
WELL, MORITA, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS.
NOT GOOD AT ALL.
IT WAS QUITE INTERESTING,
ESPECIALLY THE MOST RECENT ENTRY IN YOUR BLOG
SHE IGNORED ME
IT'S HINA'S FAULT

I JUST HAD TO FALL IN LOVE WITH HER!
SHE'S AWFUL! I FEEL LIKE THIS ABOUT HER BUT STILL!
I WISH I'D NEVER SEEN HER.
I DON'T WANT THIS!
I JUST WANT IT ALL TO DISAPPEAR...!
I HAVE ONE QUESTION FOR YOU
YOU FREQUENTLY ACCESS FOREIGN UNDERGROUND WEBSITES
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?


BLOW
HUFF
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
HINA
Hina, congratulations on your final birthday.
And, farewell...
FIGURE IT OUT YOURSELF
YOU'RE THE DETECTIVE, RIGHT?
BEEP

BEEP
ALMOST LIKE A DREAM
BUT THAT WAS AWESOME
IT'S LIKE I USED A LIFETIME'S WORTH OF LUCK TODAY
signed posters
BEEP
TOMORROW I'M GOING TO SHOW THEM OFF TO EVERYONE
photos with famous people
BEEP
AHH~
BACK TO NORMAL
This feels great

WHAT A FICKLE GUY.
STUPID SHINOBU.
HE WAS SO RELUCTANT, BUT HE'S HAVING A GREAT TIME
BUT WHAT'S UP WITH ME?
BEEP
I WON'T SHOW THEM OFF...
IT'S STRANGE.
I'M NOT HAVING ANY FUN AT ALL.
CLACK
TAICHI.
AH!
!

I DON'T FEEL WELL...
EH?
WAIT...
SH—
SHINOBU?!
Eek!

HUH?!
DON'T YELL IN MY FACE... I'M SURPRISED AS WELL
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS HAPPENED
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!
YOU'RE ALLERGIC TO PERFUME?!
AND "PINK SNOW" IN PARTICULAR?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOUR MIND GOES BLANK AND YOUR HANDS AND FEET GO NUMB?!
It's not like it's a pesticide!
CLACK
IS SHINORU OKAY?
YEAH, IT'S JUST THE DENSE, SWEET PESTICIDE SMELL.
Knock Knock
SO HE...
WASN'T FEELING WELL.
ZZZ
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO COME HERE.
?
YOU WEREN'T HAVING FUN WERE YOU?
Despite everything

YOU TWO GET ALONG SO WELL
I'M ENVIOUS
EH?
OH...
EH?!
I'D THOUGHT TO MYSELF, MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE, BUT...
HE'S CLEARLY TURNED ME DOWN!
HE TOLD ME "LET'S DO OUR BEST."
TONS OF PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT SHOWED UP, AND ARE DOING THEIR BEST FOR ME!
YEAH, SO AM I...
HE DID IT ANYWAY
EVEN THOUGH HALFWAY HERE HE WAS WONDERING WHAT WAS GOING TO HAPPEN...
"GUYS IN THE MIDDLE OF A JOB..."
"ARE KINDA COOL"
I'M SO... LUCKY, RIGHT?

CLOMP
IT CAN'T BE.
TAICHI?
CLOMP
WITH JUST THAT ONE WORD, SHINOBU—
SORRY.
I'VE GOTTA COOL MY HEAD OFF!
NO WAY!
CLOMP
EH?
...!
!
OH!

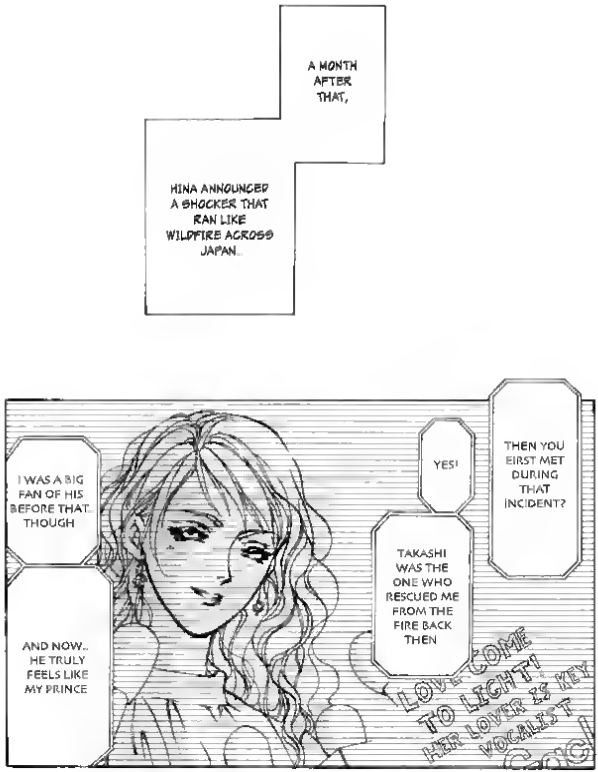
DETECTIVE?! WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
NO WHY ARE
WAIT!
WE GOT A REPORT THAT THERE'S A FIRE IN THE KITCHEN.
FORGET THAT. YOU HAVE TO EVACUATE!
I'M ENDING THE PARTY. NOW, HURRY!
WHAT?!
chatter
chatter
WHAT'S GOING ON? THERE'S QUITE A RUCKUS.
slide
glance

PUSH
EEP!
I'M SORRY!
I——
AH!
BEEP
BACK UP!
IT'S DANGEROUS. SO PLEASE BACK UP!
HUH? WHERE'S SHINGBUT
WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHAT IS THIS? THERE ISN'T A FIRE

FLARE
BOOM
AHHH!
CRUSH

SHINOBU...
WAS STILL IN THERE
HE'S GOING TO MELT
wobble
IT CAN'T BE.
YOU THERE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! GET BACK!
crack
crumble
SO WHAT!
I'M A PUBLIC SERVANT! MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT CITIZENS.
I CAN'T LET YOU GO IN THERE!
SNAP
LET ME GO!
HE'S GOING TO MELT!
WHAT
HE'S A SNOW-MAN!!

MURMUR
HINA!
!
SHINOBU ...!


A MONTH AFTER THAT,
HINA ANNOUNCED A SHOCKER THAT RAN LIKE WILDFIRE ACROSS JAPAN...
THEN YOU FIRST MET DURING THAT INCIDENT?
YES!
TAKASHI WAS THE ONE WHO RESCUED ME FROM THE FIRE BACK THEN
I WAS A BIG FAN OF HIS BEFORE THAT, THOUGH
AND NOW.. HE TRULY FEELS LIKE MY PRINCE
LOVE COME TO LIGHT! HER LOVER IS KEY VOCALIST
GOO!

PLEASE GIVE US A WON DERFUL COURT-SHIP!
SHINOBU,
DON'T TELL ME YOU DID IT AGAIN—?!
HM?
BUT, HINA?! WHAT THINGS DID YOU DO?!
YEAH
YOU SEE
SEVERAL THINGS HAD GROWN TROUBLESOME, SO I MADE THAT UP
SHINOBU, YOU CAN'T JUST .
JUST LOOK AT HER.
SHE'S FINALLY GOT THE ARM OF HER PRINCE, AND THEY'LL LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER, RIGHT?
GRUMPY

THAT'S NO REASON!
YOU EVEN MEDDLED WITH HER FEELINGS!
FEEL-INGS?
C'MON!
THAT'S JUST WRONG!
I DIDN'T ASK FOR HER TO FEEL THAT WAY.
IT WAS ANNOYING.

dingdong
HE DIDN'T WANT THEM!
COMING!
HI
DETECTIVE!
I HAPPENED TO BE GOING THROUGH THE AREA.
OH, THESE ARE MY FEELINGS
DOES SHINOBU JUST THINK I'M ANNOYING?
THEN
WHAT ABOUT MY FEELINGS?
TAKAYANAGI!
TAKAYANAGI, GET BACK IN THE CAR!
HOW DO YOU KNOW WHERE I LIVE?
ABUSING YOUR POSITION IS THE PRIVILEGE OF ADULTS!
blunt
mutter
ABUSING HIS POSITION
DON'T MOCK MY JOB.
hmph

HMPH
IF I WERE A SNOWMAN,
I'D BE THE ULTIMATE LADY KILLER!
I wouldn't lose to anyone
SEEYA LATER, SNOWMAN.
I can't believe him
SLAM
Vroom
THE DETECTIVE...
REALLY HAS A WARMTH UNLIKE ANYONE ELSE...
It's powerful

I WONDER
SHINOBU?
IF SHINO-BU'S HEART IS COLD, SINCE HE'S A SNOW-MAN

WH
AM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
YOU TOLD HIM
HUH?
YOU PICK THE GUY WHOSE MEMORIES I CAN'T ERASE,
OF ALL PEOPLE TO TELL MY TRUE NATURE
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT,
HOW DID THAT OLD STORY END?
OW—
THE HERO CARELESSLY REVEALED HIS WIFE'S TRUE NATURE, AND—

ARE YOU GOING TO KILL ME?
..?
WHAT'S GOING ON!
HOW COULD I?
IT'S LIKE MY MIND IS TURNING WHITE
YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD TAICHI
NO!
SO

DON'T TAKE AWAY MY FEEL-INGS
SHINOBU
?
TAICHI
WAKE UP, TAICHI.
YOU'RE LATE.

AND...
...MM.
sniff
THAT DAY...
..HUH?
ONE OF THE MORNING SCENTS HAD DISAPPEARED FROM WITHIN ME

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SNOW LINE

TAICHI——!
GO TO HELL, SUMMER VACATION!!
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
WAKE UP! COME ON!
HOW LONG DO YOU PLAN ON SLEEPING!
BZZ
BZZ
BZZ
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE, SUMMER IS SUMMER.
Q... QUIT-IT.
THE CICADAS ARE CHIRPING LIKE CRAZY
TAICHI!

THIS IS WHY I HATE SUMMER.
Ugh, I'm so dead
It's hot—
MOM, PUT A DECENT COOLER IN MY ROOM.
NEITHER SUMMER NOR MY MOM TAKE IT EASY ON ME
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IF YOU WOKE UP AT A NORMAL HOUR AND CAME DOWNSTAIRS YOU'D BE FINE
BUT
...BUT COLD AIR FEELS GREAT ON YOU WHEN YOU'RE IN BED.
YOU NEVER CEASE TO AMAZE ME, YOU SILLY CHILD
I OWE HER MY THANKS
RATTLE
AND THIS IS WHY!

THEY'RE WORKING GREAT AGAIN
GULP
THESE THINGS?
"COOL DOWN AN OVER-HEATED BODY"
HAAH
I'M ALIVE AGAIN
The chill feels great
MOM THESE PILLS WORK GREAT
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THEM, I'D PROBABLY BE DEAD
OH MY
WHAT'S THAT?
WE AGREED, RIGHT? THEY'RE FOR SHINOBU TO SIGN!
YOU'RE GOING TO SEE HIS SHOOT TODAY, AREN'T YOU? I BOASTED TO ALL THE NEIGHBORS ABOUT IT!
REALLY, HAVING A SON IN THE SAME CLASS AS THAT SUPER-POPULAR MODEL IS A MUST-HAVE!
HEY C'MON!
FW
IP
HERE YOU GO THANKS!♡
IS THAT SO?
BUT TAICHI, HOW ABOUT YOU SHOW ME YOUR GRATITUDE INSTEAD?
EH?

YOU ODD CHILD.
THEN WHY ARE YOU GOING? YOU HATE THE HEAT, DON'T YOU?
... I'M OFF!
THAT ISN'T WHY I'M GOING.
WHAT'S MORE,
I HARDLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE GUY, SO HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO ASK HIM?
JUST BECAUSE WE'RE CLASSMATES DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS OR ANYTHING!
Ah, I can't stand it...♡
THE MODEL AI IS HERE!
LONG LIVE SUMMER!
I'M HIS ASSISTANT, MATSUMOTO AI!
I'LL BE YOUR HOST, PIERRE MAMORU!
THE ELECTRIC COOKING SPECIAL IS THE BEACH HOUSE!

THE WEATHER'S CLEAR AND SUNNY... WITH A RECORD HIGH TEMPERATURE OVER 86 DEGREES,
PLEASE DON'T LET ME DIE...
EVEN THOUGH...
OUR SPECIAL GUEST TODAY HAS MADE A SPLASH IN THE MAGAZINES AND COMMERCIALS LATELY
WHAT ARE THE ODDS HE'LL GET CAST IN A DRAMA SOON!?
UNTIL I CAN GET A PICTURE TAKEN WITH AI!
AI!!!!
IT'S THE MODEL, SHINOBU!
WOW, YOU'RE ALL DECKED OUT IN LEATHER
AREN'T YOU ROASTING?

NO, IT'S NOTHING.
EH?
AMAZING—!
WHAT A GREAT GUY, HE ISN'T EVEN SWEATING! THAT ANTIPERSPIRANT KICKS IN WHEN YOU NEED IT!
glare
WH—
OH MY, SHINOBU?
HAS SOMETHING UPSET YOU?
MAMORU—
WHAT THE?

WHO SHOULD I CHOOSE?
THE TEAMS WILL SPLIT UP AND PUT THEIR COOKING ABILITIES TO THE TEST!
NOW THEN, SHINOBU, AI, MAKE YOUR SELECTION!
WAAAH
A BOY WHO'S GOOD IN THE KITCHEN WOULD BE NICE!♡
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
I DON'T RECALL DOING ANYTHING THAT'D MAKE HIM GLARE AT ME!
N—NOW THEN!
TODAY'S GUEST AND AI ARE EACH GOING TO SELECT AN ASSISTANT FROM THE AUDIENCE!
HEY, WHAT IS THAT? DRY ICE?
Isn't that pill dangerous?
WOBBLE
Strawberry Shake with Pill Topping
Don't worry! It's delicious~?
TAICH!
GRAF, I'M OUT
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT MORE.
glare glare
UGH,
I MIGHT JUST DIE AT THIS RATE.
WATCH OUT, IDIOT!
BUMP
SPLASH
HH!
AHH! MY PRECIOUS TOPPINGS!
AH,
SORRY..

WOBBLE
CRAP.
I'M GOING TO PASS OUT.—
!?
AH!
NO WAY, MY EARS ARE BUZZING—!?
I CHOOSE HIM.
HUH!?
EH
WELL, THIS IS UNEXPECTED!
SHINORU'S PARTNER IS A CUTE KID WHO LOOKS LIKE HE'S NEVER HELD A KITCHEN KNIFE—!?
OKAY, CUT!

HUH?
WHAT WERE YOU DOING, SPACING OUT IN THIS SCORCHING HEAT?
YOU'LL GO BAD.
WH- WH WH WH!
WHA!?
THE TWO WHO WERE SELECTED NEED TO COME OVER HERE
HUFF
AH?
JUST LOOKING AT YOU TICKS ME OFF.
THE BUZZING HAS STOPPED...?
I FIGURED
wobble
HEY!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
BUT FORGET THAT, I CAN'T! I'VE NEVER COOKED IN MY LIFE!

FORGET IT.
I JUST REACHED OUT INSTINC-TIVELY
AH!
WHAT?
WE'LL BE GOING ON-AIR SOON
HUH?
WHAT'M I DOING?
LIM... THAT'S RIGHT! SAY,
I HATE TO ASK, BUT CAN I HAVE YOUR AUTO-GRAPH?
LIKE 20 SHEETS, SINCE YOU'RE SUCH A GREAT CLASSMATE
PLE-ASE!

HEY, TAICHI!
THEY SAID TO GO AND GET A PICTURE TAKEN WITH AI!
WHAT'S WITH HIM!
WHAT'AN ATTITUDE.
TRY TO BE CHARMING.
LOOK, THEY'LL BE RECORDING AGAIN.
Cheap-skate!
IF YOU KEEP LOOKING LIKE YOU'RE ABOUT TO DIE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONCENTRATE.
WHAT'D I DO...
I'm coming!
NO WAY, WAIT UP!
EH!?
Fla
sh
TO MAKE HIM THAT PISSED AT ME?

TOUCH
EEK!
Ah—! That's where she—!
TASTE THIS
I'm in heaven!
Ahhh...
SHE WAS PRESSING AGAINST ME HERE ♡
EVEN IF THE LIGHTS ARE HOT
Cook
WOW, THE GUEST TEAM...
Crap
sling
WE'RE LIVE, SO SMILE
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GOT SOME GREAT TEAMWORK GOING ON
I WANT TO BE ON AI'S TEAM
GAH, THIS PISSES ME OFF
SCSK
pasta

AH!
twsh
WHOOPS! LOOK WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE GUEST TEAM!
HE'S GOING TO MELT!
EH?
oh!
AH
YOU IDIOT, WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
WHAT WAS THAT, JUST NOW?
SOR

ER, UM...
WHO...
shock
HE'S SO CLOSE
I'M SORRY! I'LL BE FINE. IT'S ALREADY BETTER.
BUT, THE MEAT...
Kya
aa!
QUIET...
SSST
I HAVEN'T FELT SLUGGISH AT ALL. THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE
SINCE JUST RECENTLY, EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN TAKING MY PILLS...
AND ALSO, I JUST NOTICED IT, BUT
SO HE DOESN'T HATE ME?
BUT WHAT IS THIS?
I KNOW THIS FEELING?

I FEEL
hmph
COULDN'T BE
CLUMSY!
IS IT BECAUSE HIS HANDS ARE SO COLD?
AH, THANKS
WHEN I'M STANDING NEXT TO HIM, I FEEL NICE AND COOL
?
WHAT'S THE RUCKUS ABOUT?
TAICHI,
YOU TOOK A PHOTO WITH EVERYONE TODAY, RIGHT?
YEAH.
LIKE I'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING
SOMETHING IMPORTANT
Yes, okay!
Thanks for participating everyone!
EACH TIME HE TOUCHED ME DURING THE SHOOT...
I FELT LIKE I WAS REMEMBERING SOMETHING...

I DIDN'T SHOW UP!
ONE OF YOUR EARS
Eeek!
It's currr—seed!
NO WAY...!
HOW COULD THIS BE?
BUT I CAN HEAR FROM MY LEFT EAR JUST FINE. AND THERE'S NOTHIN—
LOOK OVER THERE!
whisper
HEY!
whisper
?

HAHA. WHAT LUCK! HE HAD 70,000 YEN!
THIS IS CREEPY...
Y'AHOO!
WHAT ARE THEY DOING—?
LET'S GO AFTER ANOTHER ONE!
THOSE GUYS
WHY AM I HEARING THIS!?
THESE VOICES
IT'S SOME GUYS TALKING
.....
TAICHI?
WHAT!?
NICE ONE.
GOT IT. WE'LL GO FOR THAT ONE
IT'LL BE EASY
WHAT IS THIS?
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY TAICHI!?
C'MON. NOW!
YOU CIRCLE AROUND
WOBBLE

!
WATCH OUT!
AH!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
!?
JUMP
THAT ISN'T EITHER OF THE VOICES FROM BEFORE ...!?
DAMN IT! THEY'VE GOT US SURROUNDED!
EH, WHAT'S GOING ON?
THERE'S SOME KIND OF RUCKUS OVER THERE
I REALLY....
DO KNOW HIM —!

THUD
BUT...
I'M NOT WRONG!
OUT OF THE WAY!
AH, GEEZ
THAT'S RIGHT, IT'S HIM
I DON'T GET IT!
MOVE IT!
HOLD IT!
LIKE HELL!
HIS VOICE!

SLAM
YEAH, PERFECT!
TOA
HUH?
AND DOESN'T IT SEEM LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE...?
THEY'RE A PAIR...
OF PICK-POCKETS.
AM I THAT GOOD?
.....
Mm.

TAICHI!
OH.
THAT'S THE OTHER VOICE I HEAR BEFORE.
TAICHI?
?
WHO'S HE?
IT'S TAKA-YANAGI, THE DETEC-TIVE
DID YOU LIKE THE ROSES I GAVE YOU BACK THEN?
IT SEEMS LIKE HE KNOWS ME.
YOU SAVED THE DAY AGAIN, SUPERMAN!
I ALSO FEEL LIKE I KNOW HIM, BUT...
NO. I DON'T KNOW HIM AT ALL.
HM...
DETEC-TIVE?
DID I DO SOMETHING BEFORE?

..I SEE
!
Y—
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS
YOU.. REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ME?
NICE WORK.
SNOWMAN!!

IF YOU WANT TO BE TAICHI'S KNIGHT, THEN LET'S HAVE A FAIR MATCH TO DECIDE! YOU OR ME!
THIS CRAP YOU PULL...
IS JUST MEAN-SPIRITED!
SNOW?
SNOW-MAN?
slap
!
UM, DETEC-TIVE,
DON'T YOU HAVE THE WRONG GUY!?
HE ISN'T MY KNIGHT OR ANYTHING, WE AREN'T EVEN FRIENDS!
PLUS I HARDLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM!
YOU ...

YOU REALLY LIKED THIS KID, DIDN'T YOU?
HUH
!?

Whoa!
crackle
crackle
sigh
BOOM
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT DETECTIVE?
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME?
AND SAYING HE LIKED ME
TOO MUCH HAPPENED TODAY.
WE'RE BOTH GUYS, YOU KNOW
MY MIND'S ALL MUDDLED...
TAICHI.
!
DON WORN

I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU.
SO YOU ARE HERE?
BOOM
"WHO ARE YOU?"
SO I PICKED IT UP AND BROUGHT IT
YOU DROPPED SOMETHING YOU NEED.

WHO?
SILLY HUMAN
IF YOU DIDN'T WANDER OUT TO A PLACE LIKE THIS,
YOU COULD GO ON WITHOUT LOSING YOUR EAR.
"YOU COULD GO ON WITHOUT LOSING YOUR LIFE."

WAHHH!?
Calm
As bad as it is, there you are in the heart, it just took one good knock.
THIS ISN'T GOING TO MAKE SENSE TO YOU, BUT YOUR EAR FELL OFF WHEN YOU BUMPED INTO THAT GUY...
AND FELL INTO HIS BAG. THIS WHOLE TIME, YOU WERE HEARING SOUNDS FROM INSIDE THE BAG.
HERE YOU GO
YOU DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE, DID YOU? I DIDN'T ALTER THE PHOTO,
BUT MY HYPNOSIS WAS POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR THE REST.
IF YOU JUST STAY AT HOME AND TAKE THE ICE PILLS I LEFT YOU,
YOU CAN AVOID RISKY SITUATIONS LIKE THIS ONE.
—AND YOU WON'T BE TELLING ANY SECRETS.
SHINO...
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND A WORD I'M SAYING RIGHT NOW, DO YOU?
DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL SOON FORGET THIS CONVERSATION AS WELL—

PUSH
TAICHI ...?
SHINOBU. . YOU IDIOT!
TAICHI, YOU ...
YOU'RE SO MEAN!
IF I NEED TO KEEP SOMETHING A SECRET, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME THAT BEFOREHAND!
WHY!?
WHY DID YOU JUST TAKE AWAY MY MEMORIES!?

I WISH I'D NEVER FALLEN...
FOR A GUY LIKE YOU!!
I DON'T CARE THAT YOU'RE A SNOWMAN!
I WAS WITH YOU!
.....
YOU'RE
blink

...YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE MY MEMORIES AGAIN? DO YOU HATE ME THAT MUCH NOW?
IF YOU ARE,
THEN JUST GO AHEAD AND FORGET ABOUT THIS STUPID CORPSE OF MINE. I'LL ROT AWAY SOON ENOUGH ANYWAY!
HOW COULD I!?
THIS IS BECAUSE...
YOU TOLD THAT GUY ABOUT ME...!
I DON'T UNDER STAND
JUST TELL ME STRAIGHT OUT I'M NOT COM-PLICATED
I JUST DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE THINKING

YOU
REALLY ARE UNPREDICTABLE..
YOU GET MAD SO FAST, AND WHEN I WONDER IF YOU'RE CRYING, YOU BREAK OUT INTO ANOTHER SMILE
...AND IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE EVEN UNDONE MY HYPNOSIS
LOOK AT ME
TAICHI...
JUST LOOK AT ME

OK.
AND THEN...
SHINOSU FIXED MY EAR JUST LIKE IT WAS BEFORE.
"BECAUSE I LOVE YOU ENOUGH TO BRING YOU BACK TO LIFE."
I HEARD THAT PERFECTLY WELL FROM MY FIXED LEFT EAR

TAICHI— WAKE UP!
QUIT BEING SO DIFFICULT!
MM— ONE MORE MINUTE
HONESTLY, YOU TWO JUST SNUGGLE IN BED AS LONG AS YOU CAN!
POP

LOOKS LIKE I ANOTHER GREAT DAY
WHY IS IT THAT IT WAS ALWAYS SO COOL AND PLEASANT
THAT'S RIGHT, EVEN THOUGH THERE ISN'T A COOLER IN MY ROOM
TA-ICHI?
MORNING
AND I NEVER WANTED TO LEAVE
..MORNING!

THANKS SO MUCH, SHINOBU! ♡
OH NO, IT WAS NOTHING
AHA HA ♡
OH, IT'S YOU...
SUMMER ISN'T EASY ON ME
HONES-TLY!
YEAH!
AN AMAZING COUSIN LIKE THAT IS A MUST-HAVE,
TAICHI!
DETECTIVE TAKA-YANAGI!?
WHAT NOW?

YOU ...
AS FOR ME, I'M AS HEALTHY AS AN ENERGETIC ZOMBIE CAN BE...
Slide
HMPH
MORNING, DETECTIVE!
YOU BROUGHT ANOTHER HUGE ONE!
AND I'VE GOT THIS SULKY SHOW-OFF AS MY OWN PERSONAL ICEPACK.
LOOKS LIKE YOU MIGHT BE GETTING SERIOUS, SNOWMAN, BUT KEEP IN MIND .
WHAT THIS RECENT INCIDENT PROVES!
TAICHI IS BETTER OFF WITH A RESPECTABLE HUMAN LIKE MYSELF!
—HEY! LISTEN WHEN SOMEONE'S TALKING TO YOU!
Kiss
SHI
SHI-NOBU?
What are you doing?
OH, I WAS JUST KEEPING YOU QUIET.
IF YOU DO, I'LL KILL YOU.
YOU WON'T TELL ANYONE ANYTHING ELSE RIGHT?
BUT
HE TALKS PRETTY MEAN.

HE'S INCREDIBLY NICE TO ME, AND ME ALONE
...EVEN NOW?
hah!
WELL, WHATEVER!
accident 4 × END

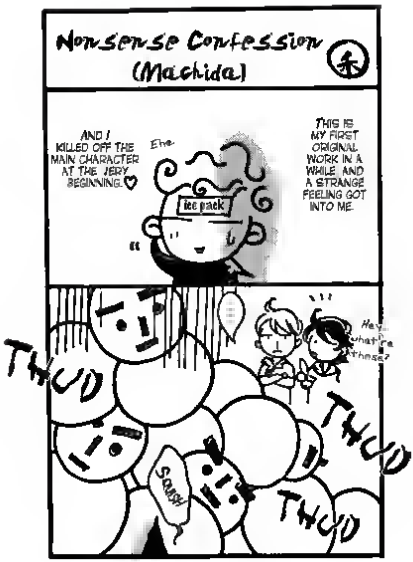
POP
rustle
SPECIAL EXTRA
A Dream of Frozen Sheep
HM?
ah!
WHAT~~!?
WHAT IS IT, TAICHI? YOU'RE SHOUTING.

WELL, IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE YOU WERE SLEEPING WELL
LAST NIGHT WAS UNUSUALLY WARM
Shi-shimoba!
Damn it...!
Why don't I have a shirt on...!?
HUH?
JUST WHERE DID YOU FIND THOSE PAJAMAS TAICHI?
A SHEEP COSTUME!
And spiral horns!
Hellllooo?
I'M SO HAPPY I GAVE BIRTH TO SUCH A CUTE BOY!♡
AH
Mom, this isn't—
WHAT'S THIS?
HEY YOU CAN'T JUST—!
YOU'RE LIVELY THIS MORNING, TAICHI!
EH!?
OH MY, HOW CUUUUTE! ♡

DAMN IT... SHINOBU! WHAT KIND OF HYPNOSIS DID YOU HIT MY MOM WITH—!?
What was I wearing in it?
FOR A MOMENT I WAS DEBATING WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE IT BUNNY EARS, BUT I MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE
AHA!
IT'S CUTE, I SWEAR.
AHH LOOK, IT ISN'T EVEN SEVEN YET.
And it's finally Sunday
It totally pisses him off that he can't tell for himself
HERE

THE WEATHER'S GREAT TODAY,
JUST RIGHT FOR FALLING BACK ASLEEP...
TAICHI?
I DREAMT
IN MY DREAM, MY MOM AND THE DETECTIVE AND I WERE DRESSED UP AS PINK SHEEP...
AND WE WERE DANCING THE OKLAHOMA MIXER WITH SNOW TUMBLING DOLLS

"MAY I HAVE YOUR HAND?"
THE SNOW DOLLS DANCED UNBELIEVABLY WELL.
AND THE FINAL BOSS (?) OF THE EIGHT SNOW DOLLS SEEMED EFFORTLESSLY APPEALING.
WELL, IT WAS A DREAM.
NO NEED TO TELL HIM.
Special Extra ❄ END

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そんな耐一の命の恩人は、クールな美貌の人気モデルで、自称幼なじみの級友・忍。でもその正体は、催眠暗示が得意な雪男なのだ!!
忍に「目惚れされて、生き返らされた耐一は、おかげで暑さに超弱いゾンビになっちゃって!?
非日常が二人の日常♥スパイシーLOVE!!